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MEMORANDUM FOR: Major General Arthur G. Trudeau
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Department of the Army
Washington 25, D.C.

SUBJECT: Russian Tank and Antitank Capabilities (U)

Thank you for your memorandum, 4 October 1954, drawing our attention to the need for adequate intelligence on Soviet tank developments. Please be assured that we will do everything possible to assist you in this matter. We have reviewed our collection capabilities with respect to this problem, and cannot see at the present time any major opening for improvement, nor any immediate prospect for significant advances in this field.

Two suggestions occur to me which, although relatively minor, perhaps can be developed and implemented by our respective offices to provide some assistance to you in this matter. I believe that the preparation of a collection guidance manual on this subject tailored to the various types of collection sources who have capabilities for reporting information on Soviet tank developments might assist the collection effort. I also believe that it might be desirable to achieve a closer working relationship between the elements of our respective offices concerned with collection and research on this subject, perhaps through the mechanism of an informal ad hoc working group.

If you believe that the above suggestions are worth further exploration, I suggest that the appropriate members of your staff collaborate with my Office of Scientific Intelligence in working out further details.

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